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SUBJECT: TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS

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1. FYI. IN PROPOSING TOUR D'HORIZON OF TEXTILE QUESTIONS
WITH RTG OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME, IT WAS AND REMAINS OUR
INTENT TO TRY TO CONVINCE RTG THAT IT WOULD BE
ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE RTG TO NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL MAN-MADE
FIBER AND WOOL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. BEFORE RPT BEFORE A
NEW MULTILATERAL ALL FIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT IS NEGOTIATED
IN GENEVA. WE EXPECT SUCH A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT TO BE
CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. AFTER CONCLUSION OF
NEW AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PERMIT UNILATERAL RESTRAINT
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ACTIONS, USG ABILITY NEGOTIATE LIBERAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE

CONSIDERABLY LESSENER BY DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRESSURES TO GO NO FURTHER THAN "MINIMUMS" ESTABLISHED IN NEW MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE SERIOUS AND IN DEPTH AND LEAD TO A BILATERAL AGREEMENT END FYI

2. WE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY OSOT REQUEST FOR "LEGAL BASIS FOR U.S. REQUEST FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS". THE ONLY

"LEGAL" REQUIREMENT WE AWARE OF IN CONNECTION REQUEST FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOVEREIGN STATES IS PURELY INTERNAL (U.S.) REQUIREMENT FOR "CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE" WHICH, OF COURSE, WE HAVE.

3. AIRPOUCHING TODAY; (A) LATEST AVAILABLE DATA ON IMPORTS MAN-MADE FIBER AND WOOL TEXTILES FROM THAILAND; AND, (B) COPIES OUR MAN-MADE FIBER AND WOOL AGREEMENTS WITH KOREA, TAIWAN AND JAPAN.

4. U.S. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY ANTHONY JURICH, SENIOR ADVISER, CIEP AND WILL INCLUDE HERBERT BLACKMAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE POLICY AND ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE, DEPT. OF LABOR; HARRY PHELAN, CHIEF, FIBERS AND TEXTILES DIVISION, DEPT. OF STATE; ALLAN POLANSKY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF RESOURCES AND TRADE ASSISTANCE, DEPT. OF COMMERCE; AND MRS. OGHDA O'GULIAN, SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT TO JURICH.

5. TEAM PLANNING ARRIVE BANGKOK AUGUST 25 FROM SINGAPORE ON SINGAPORE AIRLINES FLT 632 AND TO DEPART BANGKOK ON SEPTEMBER 1. EMB. REQUESTED MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS FOR AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 31 AT DUSIT THANI. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL. ROGERS

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